GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2580
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CURRICULUM ON REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Rehabilitation Council of India has recently taken a decision tointroduce a curriculum on rehabilitation of disabled persons and to award Post Graduate Diploma for the above community based programme;

(b) if so, the details of the various educational programmes started by the Rehabilitation Council of India, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken so far to promote education for the disabled rehabilitation by the Rehabilitation Council of India ;

(d) whether any effective measures are proposed to be taken by the Government to promote disabled rehabilitation education in Jaharkhand and Bihar; and

(e) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a) The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) has informed the Ministry that it hasentered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Banglore University for introducing Post Graduate Diploma and Diploma in Community Based Rehabilitation Courses through distance mode.

(b) The RCI does not offer any course on its own.

(c) to (e) The Zonal Committees have been formed by the RCI for different regions of the country for promoting rehabilitation education for persons with disabilities. The States of Jharkhand and Bihar come under the purview of Zonal Committee of Eastern Region. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is supporting human resource developmentprogrammes in the field of rehabilitation under the Deen Dayal Disabled RehabilitationScheme for running two Special Schools in Jharkhan and three Vocational TrainingCentres and thirteen Special Schools in Bihar. One programme each in the States ofJharkhand and Bihar is also being supported for this purpose by National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secundrabad and National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun respectively.